Promotion from one grade to another depends on the eligibility conditions, sanctioned strength and the number of vacancies, which vary from cadre to cadre.

(b) Some employees are given additional increment on completion of 8 years service in a grade. Further, employees are entitled to stagnation increments on completion of every two years of service at the maximum of scale of pay.

(c) The matter is still sub-judice

[*Translation*]

Complaints from Central Government Employees in Rajasthan

4760. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions from the Central Government employees in Rajasthan during last three years;

(b) the number of complaints disposed of; and

(c) the steps taken for disposal of the remaining complaints expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). There is now system of tabulation in territorial terms of Central Government employees' grievances. Government employees' grievances arise from a whole range of issues such as promotion, increment of pay, placement, disciplinary proceedings, work environment and so on. These are attended to by designated authorities in various ministries, departments and organisations concerned.

[*English*]

Expansion of Agro-based Industries

4761. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope for the expansion of the Agro-based industries in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(c) whether bank loan is not available adequately in time for the Agro-based units; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to make available loans to the persons who have set up the Agro-based units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (B). Yes, Sir. There is scope for the expansion of agro-based industries in the country. The Government is giving a number of facilities like infrastructural support, concessional finance, excise relief, exclusive reservation of items for development of small scale industries including agro-based industries.

(c) and (d). RBI from time to time issue guidelines to banks for smooth flow of working capital for SSI units. All SSI Units including Agro-based Units in Small Scale Sector are free to avail of the facilities as per the guidelines issued by the RBI.

Rajasthan Atomic Power Station

4762. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reports of deformities in children and dwindling of livestock in the area around the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station;